

Weekday Masses

	Masses	Feasts	Prayer Intentions
Mon 6 Feb	8.30 am	St Paul Miki & companions, Martyrs	General Synod/ Walton Street
Tues 7 Feb	9.00 am & Coffee	Feria	Our ordinands/ Wellington Street
Wed 8 Feb	12.30 pm: St Thomas' 7pm: St Barnabas	St Cuthman, Hermit	The Society of the Holy Cross/ William Lucy Way
Thu 9 Feb	12.30 pm	Feria	Our local & national Politicians/ Worcester Place
Fri 10 Feb	12.30 pm at St Thomas'	St Scholastica, Abbess.	Our Police Force/ Those living on boats
Sat 11 Feb	No mass today	Our Lady of Lourdes	Our Bishops/ Albert Street
Sun 12 Feb	8.00 am: Mass; 9.00 am Mass (at St Thomas the Martyr) 10.30 am: Parish Mass & Sunday Schools; 5:45 pm: Meditation & 6.30pm: Evensong		

Confessions by appointment with the clergy; please remember to inform the clergy of cases of sickness, or of the need for the Sacrament of Anointing or Holy Communion at home.

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The Parish of St Barnabas & St Paul, Oxford

5th February 2012: Septuagesima

Welcome to St Barnabas this morning; in particular a warm welcome to visitors.
Do please stay for refreshments after mass.

10.30 a.m. Parish Mass Communion Service in F

Harris

Introit hymn: **470**

After which Junior Sunday School leaves

Jackie

Lesson: Job 7.1-4,6-7

Alan Bowsher

Psalm: **147. 1-6** (see over)

Epistle: I Corinthians 9. 16-19,22-23

Jane Thomas

Gradual & Alleluia

Gospel: Mark 1.29-39

Fr Mark

After which Senior Sunday School leaves

Claire/Robert/Helen

Sermon

Fr Jonathan

Intercessions

Richard Doney

Offertory Hymn: **485** (for General Synod)

Please queue for Holy Communion with the heads of the queues waiting at the gates into the choir.

This is helpful to our singers. Thank you.

Choir Anthem: Verbum caro factus est

Hassler

Communion Hymn: **341 & 467**

Angelus (inside cover of hymn books)

Recessional Hymn: **377**

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Sidespersons:

Dorothy Woodward & Paul South

Coffee:

Hannah Doney & Felix Smith

Tonight: 5:45 p.m. Choral Evensong at Merton College

In celebration of the 60th Anniversary of the Accession of Her Majesty the Queen

Gospel: St Mark 1.29-39 And immediately Jesus left the synagogue, and entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law lay sick with a fever and immediately they told him of her. And he came and took her by the hand and lifted her up, and the fever left her; and she served them. That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed of demons. And the whole city was gathered together about the door. And he healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. And in the morning, a great while before day, he rose and went out to a lonely place, and there he prayed. And Simon and those who were with him pursued him, and they found him and said to him, 'Everyone is searching for you.' And he said to them, 'Let us go on to the next towns, that I may preach there also; for that is why I came out.' And he went throughout all Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons.

Psalm: 147.1-6

O PRAISE the/ Lord, for it is a good thing to sing praises/ unto our God: yea, a joyful and pleasant thing it is/ to be *thank*-ful.
2 The Lord doth build/ up Jerusalem: and gather together the out-/casts of Israel.
3 He healeth those that are/ broken in *heart*: and giveth medicine to/ heal their *sick*-ness.
4 He telleth the number/ of the *stars*: and calleth them/ *all* by their names.
5 Great is our Lord, and great/ is his power: yea, and his/ wisdom is infinite.
6 The Lord setteth/ up the *mee*k: and bringeth the ungodly/ *down* to the ground.

We pray for: Tacita, baptised on Friday, and to be confirmed today at St Edward's School; The General Synod, meeting in Westminster this week, Monday-Thursday; Fr Jonathan & family, as they give thanks for four years in Jericho; our neighbouring parish, and the people, of St Thomas the Martyr; the people of Libya, Syria & the Holy Land; those serving their country in Afghanistan, and for their families at home; for Mark Harrison and John Reale; for the newly-established Jericho Wharf Trust; the peace and unity of the Church; integrity and wisdom in public life, especially for our Government; our MP, Nicola Blackwood, and our local City Councillors; for the unemployed; the mission of our parish; the staff and families of our school; those who have recently moved to live in Jericho; and for peace in our homes;

For the sick and suffering, among them: Nancy Brown, Victor Brown, Cyril, Maurice Keen, Umah Arshad, Elsie, Aaron Neill, Florence Chippindale, Eva Ennis, Lulu Wong-Taylor, Gertrude Füss, Kim Clowsley, Pamela Griffiths, Muriel and Max Maylor, Jane Atkins, Suzanne Withell, Robert, Lorna, Jim, Emma, Sarah & Robert, Jean Mason, Hannah, Di Hyam and Clare.

For the recently departed, for those whom we have known and loved, and for those whose anniversaries fall at this time, including Fr John Overton, Ethel May Harris, and Stephen James

Volunteers:

Diamond Jubilee: As the Diamond Jubilee celebrations in June 2012 come onto the horizon, we are looking for volunteers to help organise our contribution to the national merrymaking. Please see Paul Hornby if you would like to help...

Notices for the week:

Candlemas at St Thomas Martyr: thank you to all who contributed to make this such a beautiful and holy celebration. A most fitting end to our celebration of the Feast.

Choral Evensong at Merton: tonight at 5.45pm: see front of bulletin.

Accession Celebrations at Pusey House: Monday 6th February, at 5pm, Choral Evensong and the Accession Service at Pusey House. Reception afterwards. All welcome.

Society of the Holy Cross: we welcome the local chapter to St Barnabas this Wednesday evening. All welcome at mass at 7pm.

BBCI debate show 'The Big Questions' comes to Oxford next Sunday, 12th Feb; if you would be interested in being in the audience, please speak to Fr Jonathan.

Forthcoming events & general notices:

Film Night at Merton: On Monday 13th February, this term's film night features a short independent film "Callum", and an interview with the director, followed by "Le Quattro Volte" – described on its release last year as "A precise, subtle and masterful example of art film from Italy." If you are interested in attending please speak to Fr Mark.

General Synod: Fr Jonathan has just been elected to serve on General Synod: please keep him in your prayers in particular, as he attends for the first time this coming week.

St Barnabas Mums: Several mums have started meeting on a Monday daytime to share tea, chat and a bible study. If you would be interested in joining them, please speak to Chelsea Mercer or Lizzie Stafford after mass, or email chelsea.mercer@gmail.com

Christian Life: the February edition is here. Simply not to be missed, with lots of encouraging reading for the keen disciple. This month has a good intro to St Mark, the Gospel for this year. Do please take one home with you.

Septuagesima?

Whatever else it may signify, Septuagesima – 'the 70th' - marks the beginning of a countdown. As our attention turns, at Candlemas, from the Christmas celebrations towards Lent and Easter, the 7,6,5 of Sundays approaching Shrove Tuesday leave no one in any doubt that something is coming. Today we begin preparing for the preparation...

It is possible that once this was the beginning of Lent itself (in a time when Saturdays and Thursdays were exempt from fasting), when one might also have had that first-sighting of the rare folded-chasuble; or it may simply be a line extended backward from Quinquagesima, the point 49 days from Easter Sunday. Our faith certainly has an inherited fondness for the number 7 and its multiples. And Septuagesima has, in that context, been held to echo Israel's 70 years of exile in Babylon.

But, however unclear the origins of this 70th Sunday may be, what is apparent is that it is part of a process of focussing our vision on the heart of the matter – like concentric circles drawn around the true target. And so, as with most of our symbols, it is a way of training our vision, such that we might begin to see the eternal things of God in the "ordinary" times of our lives. As John Keble has it, in his poem 'Septuagesima Sunday':

“Two worlds are ours: 'tis only Sin
Forbids us to descry,
The mystic heaven and earth within,
Plain as the sea and sky.
Thou, who hast given me eyes to see:
And love this sight so fair,
Give me a heart to find out Thee,
And read Thee everywhere.”